(a) whether the pollution check of vehicles started some time back has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the period for which the pollution check remained in force in Delhi and the number of vehicle checked and found polluting; and

(d) whether DTC and the other Government vehicles were also checked and if so, the number of vehicles checked and found polluting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Pollution checking of vehicles is being done in Delhi from December, 1987. Since then, about 8.09 lakhs vehicles have been checked upto October, 1991 and 2.52 lakhs vehicles were found to exceed prescribed levels.

(d) During the period April, 1990 to October, 1991, 6094 DTC vehicles and 745 Government Vehicles were checked. 2512 DTC vehicles and 485 Government vehicles were found exceeding the prescribed levels.

Modernisation package for British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur

*348. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed a Rs. 53 crore Modernisation package for British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the package including the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Textiles has proposed a provision of Rs. 53.00 crores towards modernisation of the British India Corporation Ltd. group of companies as a part of its proposals for the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97). The company-wise details are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

British India Corporation Ltd.	24.00
Elgin Mills Company Ltd.	22.00
Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	7.00

The main objectives of the proposal are replacement of obsolete plant and machinery for spinning, weaving and processing improvement in services and utilities for continued upgradation in quality of the product and for better per unit realisation.

Non-Functioning of Vital Instruments at the Calcutta Airport

*349. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain Vital instruments monitoring the arrival and departure of aircrafts at Calcutta airport either do not function or are defective thereby endangering their safe landing;

(b) whether Government have made any Inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the result thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Vital Radio and Navigational equipment in the form of approach and terminal aids as per ICAO guidelines for safe operation of aircraft have been functioning all the time at Calcutta airport.

(b) to (d) The National Airports Authority had investigated the allegations made in this matter in certain news reports. It was found that while some of the allegations were not true, corrective action was required in certain other cases. The requisite action has been initiated.